

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 23, 2008

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2205

Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick

February 20, 2008

An act to add Section 19531.2 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2205, as amended, Garrick. Horse racing: racing weeks: 22nd District Agricultural Association.

Existing law generally creates district agricultural associations, which are state institutions.

Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, generally regulates horse racing and vests the administration and enforcement of the Horse Racing Law in the California Horse Racing Board. Existing law requires the board to make allocations of racing weeks as it deems appropriate and specifies the maximum number of racing weeks that may be allocated for horse racing other than at fairs, including, for thoroughbred racing, a maximum of 44 weeks per year in the northern zone, 42 weeks per year in the central zone, and 7 weeks per year in the southern zone.

This bill would, *in the event a venue used for thoroughbred racing by an association licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the central zone in 2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or thereafter*, permit the board to authorize the 22nd District Agricultural Association to use allocations of racing weeks from the central zone and conduct thoroughbred racing throughout the year, whether or not those racing

days coincide with an annual fair, so long as the aggregate racing weeks conducted in the southern and central zones do not exceed the total aggregate racing weeks allocated, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19531.2 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 19531.2. Notwithstanding Section 19531 and any other
4 provision of law, *in the event a venue used for thoroughbred racing*
5 *by an association licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the*
6 *central zone in 2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or*
7 *thereafter*, the board may authorize the 22nd District Agricultural
8 Association to use allocations of racing weeks from the central
9 zone and conduct thoroughbred racing throughout the year, whether
10 or not those racing days coincide with an annual fair, so long as
11 the aggregate racing weeks conducted in the southern and central
12 zones do not exceed the total aggregate racing weeks allocated
13 pursuant to Section 19531.